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**STATE STUDY OF THE TAYLOR RIVER IN HAMPTON AND HAMPTON FALLS  
TO ASSESS FUTURE OF THE DAM AND REPLACEMENT OF I-95 BRIDGE**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation, in coordination with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), will be conducting a feasibility study of the Taylor River in the Towns of Hampton Falls and Hampton. The study will focus on the area of the river upstream of the dam and the overflow culvert structure that carries the Taylor River under Interstate 95.

The purpose of the study will be to determine a recommended action for Taylor River restoration to include assessment for removal or replacement of the dam to accommodate fish passage, and to begin design work for the replacement of the I-95 Bridge over the Taylor River.

Field investigations will begin immediately. This work will include studying the Taylor River's water depths, engineering and environmental site assessments of the dam, bridge and impoundment, and placement of a salinity gage downstream of the overflow culvert.